



# 2008 Pioneer Game Notes

## 2008 Northeast Conference Tournament

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### #3 Sacred Heart Pioneers vs #2 Rider

Friday, November 7, 2008 - 11:00 am EST  
Lock Haven, PA -- Smith Field



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**#2**

### #1 Lock Haven vs #4 Quinnipiac

Friday, November 7, 2008 - 1:30 pm EST  
Lock Haven, PA -- Smith Field



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**#3**

### 2008 Northeast Conference Championship

Sunday, November 9, 2008 - 1:00 pm EST  
Lock Haven, PA -- Smith Field

**Setting the Scene...** The Sacred Heart field hockey team is set for another run at the NEC championship. The Pioneers are the third seed in this weekend's tournament and will face number two Rider Friday in the semifinals at host and top seed Lock Haven. The Lady Eagles will meet Quinnipiac in the second semifinal. The championship game is set for Saturday at 1:00 pm

**Regular Season...** Sacred Heart went 7-11 in the regular season, including finish 5-2 in Northeast Conference play. The Pioneers won three of their last four games to finish the year.

**Last Time Out...** The Pioneers won their regular season finale, defeating Quinnipiac, 2-1, in overtime on Senior Day Thursday at Campus Field. Sophomore Stephanie Fazio scored the game winning goal and senior Whitney Mills made nine saves.

**SHU in the NEC Tournament....** This is the eighth straight year the Pioneers have qualified for the NEC Tournament. The Pioneers reached the championship game in 2005 and 2006, and won the title in 2005, defeating Rider in the final game. SHU lost in the semifinals last year, falling to Rider.

**Up Next...** The winner of the NEC Championship advances to the NCAA Tournament Play-In game against the Patriot League champion. That game will be held Tuesday November 11th at the home of the Patriot League Champion.



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### 2008 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 30	at Connecticut	L, 5-0
Aug. 31	vs. Maine	L, 2-1
Sept. 6	vs. Miami (OH)	L, 8-0
Sept. 7	at Northwestern	L, 8-1
<b>Sept. 12</b>	<b>FAIRFIELD</b>	<b>W, 4-1</b>
Sept. 19	at Hofstra	L, 2-0
Sept. 21	at Yale	L, 6-1
<b>Sept. 26</b>	<b>ROBERT MORRIS*</b>	<b>W, 3-1</b>
Sept. 28	at Saint Joseph's	L, 3-2
<b>Oct. 3</b>	<b>BRYANT</b>	<b>W, 7-2</b>
Oct. 5	at Columbia	L, 6-1
<b>Oct. 7</b>	<b>BROWN</b>	<b>L, 3-2</b>
Oct. 10	at Rider*	L, 3-1
<b>Oct. 12</b>	<b>MONMOUTH*</b>	<b>W, 4-3 (OT)</b>
<b>Oct. 17</b>	<b>SIENA*</b>	<b>W, 3-0</b>
<b>Oct. 19</b>	<b>LOCK HAVEN*</b>	<b>L, 5-1</b>
Oct. 26	at Saint Francis (PA)*	W, 2-0
<b>Oct. 30</b>	<b>QUINNIAC*</b>	<b>W, 2-1 (OT)</b>
Nov. 7	Rider -- NEC Semis	11:00 AM
Nov. 9	NEC Championship	1:00 PM

\* indicates Northeast Conference match  
**BOLD** indicates home match  
All home games played on Campus Field

### Quick Facts

**Location:** Fairfield, CT 06825  
**Founded:** 1963  
**Enrollment:** 6,200  
**Affiliation:** NCAA Division I  
**Conference:** Northeast  
**Colors:** Red & White  
**Nickname:** Pioneers  
**President:** Dr. Anthony J. Cernera  
**Athletics Director:** C. Donald Cook  
**Home Field:** Campus Field / 4,000  
**Surface:** SprinTurf  
**Press Box:** 203-365-7532

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## 2008 Pioneer Field Hockey - Game Notes



### **SHU Coaching Staff**

Head Coach: Chris Blais (Penn St. '95)

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Career Record: 73-85, 8 seasons

Record at SHU: Same

Assistant Coach: Katie Kloeckener

## Head Coach Chris Blais

Head Coach Chris Blais enters her sixth season as head coach of the Pioneer field hockey program. After four-straight seasons of qualifying for the Northeast Conference Tournament, Blais led the Pioneers to a Northeast Conference Championship 2005, the pinnacle of their short Division I tenure.

Blais brings a wealth of international playing and coaching experience to the Pioneers. She most recently played and coached at the Klein Zwitserland Hockey Club in The Hague, Netherlands. On the collegiate level, Blais was an assistant coach at Boston University, where she assisted in all facets of the program, including recruiting, scouting and on-field coaching. This past off-season Blais joined up with Team USA Field Hockey as a regional coach for the New Jersey/Pennsylvania region, as well as a part of the College Open staff.

A 1995 graduate of Penn State, Blais was an All-American in 1994. She was also a three-time All-Big Ten Academic-Athletic honor winner and the recipient of the 1994 Academic-Athletic Achievement Award. Her 1993 Nittany Lions squad won the Big Ten Championship. In 1994, she was a member of the United States Olympic National Training Squad and took part in the U.S. Olympic Festival that year. She was also a member of the 1999-00 U.S. National Training Team.

In addition to her collegiate coaching, Blais has been actively involved in the USFHA. This summer she coached at the College Open Camp and also served as the head coach for the Pennsylvania Pride of the United Airlines Summer League. She has also served as a coach at B camp, a national developmental program, as well as a coach for the Futures program.

**Eye Flies High...** Senior Carisa Eye has been the Pioneer offensive leader this year as she has been for her entire career. Eye leads the Northeast Conference in scoring this year with 41 points and 19 goals. She is ranked 10th in the country in scoring average and is sixth in goals per game.

**Goaltending Experience...** Goaltender Whitney Mills has been busy in the cage all year for Sacred Heart. The senior finished the regular season with a 3.04 goals against average and two shutouts and an average of eight saves per game.

**Last Meeting vs Rider...** Senior Diana Celebre had two goals and an assist with sophomore Allison Vogel adding a goal and an assist as the Rider University field hockey team defeated Sacred Heart 3-1 in a Northeast Conference game earlier this year.

**Scouting the Broncs...** Rider won nine of its last 10 games to close the regular season. The Broncs are led by Diana Celebre who has 11 goals on the year and backed up by nine goals by Tricia Crotty. Lyndsie Johnson leads the NEC in goals against average with a 1.08 mark for the regular season.

**Last Meeting vs Lock Haven...** Suzann Hobart notched 4 goals and an assist for the Lady Eagles as Lock Haven

defeated SHU this afternoon 5-1. The Pioneer defense faced heavy pressure all game but finally broke down midway through the second half, surrendering 3 goals in the final 18 minutes. Whitney Mills made 8 saves for the Pioneers and Carisa Eye scored Sacred Heart's only goal.

**Scouting the Eagles...** The two-time defending NEC regular season and tournament champions Lock Haven have not lost a game against an NEC school since 2006. The Lady Eagles are led by three double digit goal scorers in Amy Hodendorf(19), Blair Wynne (17) and Suzann Hobart (10). Meanwhile, goaltender Erin Terrson is allowing just 1.27 goals against.

**Last Meeting vs Quinnipiac...** Sophomore Stephanie Fazio scored the game-winning goal seven minutes into overtime and senior Whitney Mills made nine saves in goal as Sacred Heart clinched the number three seed in the NEC Field Hockey Tournament with a 2-1 overtime win over Quinnipiac on Senior Day

**Scouting the Bobcats...** Quinnipiac grabbed the last playoff spot with some help in the season's final weekend. MacKenzie Liptak leads the Bobcat attack with eight goals while Jenna Grossman has a 2.28 goals against average in the cage.

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### The 2008 Pioneers when...

At home .....	6-2-0
On the road .....	1-7-0
At a neutral site .....	0-2-0
In overtime .....	2-0-0
Not scoring .....	0-3-0
Scoring 1 goal .....	0-6-0
Scoring 2 goals .....	2-2-0
Scoring 3 goals .....	2-0-0
Scoring 4 goals .....	2-0-0
Scoring 5 or more goals .....	1-0-0
Allowing no goals .....	2-0-0
Allowing 1 goal .....	3-0-0
Allowing 2 goals .....	1-2-0
Allowing 3 goals .....	0-3-0
Allowing 4 goals .....	0-0-0
Allowing 5 or more goals .....	0-6-0
Playing during the week .....	1-1-0
Playing during the weekend .....	6-10-0
Playing at night .....	0-0-0
Playing in the afternoon .....	7-11-0

### Around the NEC...

#### Final 2008 NEC Standings

<u>Team</u>	<u>NEC</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Stk.</u>
Lock Haven	7-0	1.000	17-3	W7
Rider	6-1	.857	12-6	W1
Sacred Heart	5-2	.714	7-11	W2
Quinnipiac	3-4	.429	5-12	L3
Robert Morris	2-5	.286	5-13	L1
Monmouth	2-5	.286	3-15	L3
Saint Francis	2-5	.286	3-15	W1
Siena	1-6	.183	1-16	L2

#### 2008 NEC Preseason Coaches Poll

1. Lock Haven (7)
2. Quinnipiac
3. Rider
4. Sacred Heart (2)
5. Saint Francis (PA)
6. Monmouth
7. Robert Morris
8. Siena



*First place votes in parentheses*

### 2008 Sacred Heart Field Hockey Roster

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
3	Kate Boyd	Fr.	F	Nottingham, NH/Dover
4	Melissa Mazin	Sr.	F	Putnam Valley, NY/Putnam Valley
5	Erica Benn	Jr.	D	Oakhurst, NJ/Red Bank Catholic
6	Amy Hendricks	Sr.	MF	Milford, PA/Delaware Valley
7	Carsten Snow	Sr.	D	Amherst, NH/Souhegan
8	Hannah Robinson	So.	MF	Watertown, MA/Watertown
9	Carisa Eye	Sr.	F	Nesconset, NY/Smithtown
10	Katie Mazin	Fr.	MF	Putnam Valley, NY/Putnam Valley
12	Dana Luhrs	So.	MF	Milford, PA/Delaware Valley
13	Becky Dyson	Sr.	D	Camp Hill, PA/East Pennsboro
14	Stephanie Fazio	So.	F	Norwalk, CT/Brien McMahon
15	Sam Moran	Fr.	MF	New Vernon, NJ/St. George's
16	Chelsea Carlson	Fr.	F	Peterborough, NH/Contoocook
19	Melissa Hancock	Fr.	D	Mercer, ME/Skowhegan
20	Jessica Garcia	So.	MF	Freehold, NJ/Colts Neck
23	Alex Melillo	Fr.	D	Southbury, CT/Pomperaug
24	Kelsey Zeyher	Jr.	F	Poughkeepsie, NY/Arlington Senior
27	Heather Jones	Jr.	F	Colts Neck, NJ/St. John Vianney
32	Whitney Russo	Jr.	MF	Waterville, ME/Waterville Senior
44	Kim Stow	So.	GK	Norwalk, CT/Norwalk
79	Whitney Mills	Sr.	GK	Harrisburg, PA/Susquehanna Township
99	Kelsey Cox	Fr.	GK	Monroe, CT/Masuk

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## 2008 Sacred Heart Field Hockey Sacred Heart Overall Individual Statistics (as of Nov 05, 2008) All games

Overall: 7-11-0 Conf: 5-2-0 Home: 6-2-0 Away: 1-7-0 Neut: 0-2-0

##	Name	GP-GS	-----SHOTS-----								PS-ATT	DSv
			G	A	Pts	Sh	Shot%	SOG	SOG%	GW		
9	EYE, Carisa	18-18	19	4	42	63	.302	46	.730	2	0-0	0
24	ZEYHER, Kelsey	17-10	4	0	8	30	.133	19	.633	1	0-0	0
4	MAZIN, Melissa	18-17	2	4	8	14	.143	9	.643	0	2-4	0
14	FAZIO, Stephanie	18-18	3	1	7	17	.176	10	.588	2	0-0	0
16	CARLSON, Chelsea	15-7	3	1	7	7	.429	5	.714	0	0-0	0
32	RUSSO, Whitney	18-18	1	5	7	24	.042	11	.458	1	1-1	0
6	HENDRICKS, Amy	17-16	2	1	5	23	.087	11	.478	0	0-0	0
12	LUHRS, Dana	18-15	1	3	5	13	.077	6	.462	1	0-0	0
20	GARCIA, Jessica	18-17	0	1	1	2	.000	1	.500	0	0-0	2
8	ROBINSON, Hannah	18-18	0	0	0	9	.000	3	.333	0	0-0	1
23	MELILLO, Alex	12-1	0	0	0	3	.000	2	.667	0	0-0	0
15	MORAN, Sam	1-0	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	0
13	DYSON, Becky	18-18	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	2
7	SNOW, Carsten	16-5	0	0	0	1	.000	1	1.000	0	0-0	0
5	BENN, Erica	5-0	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	0
79	MILLS, Whitney	18-17	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	0
44	STOW, Kim	5-1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	0
27	JONES, Heather	3-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	0
19	HANCOCK, Melissa	8-1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	0
10	MAZIN, Katie	10-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0	0
Total.....		18	35	20	90	209	.167	124	.593	7	3-5	5
Opponents.....		18	59	41	159	340	.174	226	.665	11	3-5	5

##	Name	GP-GS	---GOAL AVERAGE---			--SAVES--		----RECORD----			Shots	
			Minutes	GA	Avg	Saves	Pct	W	L	T	Sho	Faced
79	MILLS, Whitney	18-17	1173:03	51	3.04	145	.740	7	10	0	2	304
44	STOW, Kim	5-1	97:28	8	5.75	17	.680	0	1	0	0	31
Total.....		18	1270:31	59	3.25	162	.733	7	11	0	2	335
Opponents.....		18	1270:31	35	1.93	84	.706	11	7	0	3	204

Team saves: 0

GOALS BY PERIOD	1st	2nd	OT	Total	PENALTY CORNERS	1st	2nd	OT	Total
Sacred Heart.....	14	19	2	35	Sacred Heart.....	61	78	1	140
Opponents.....	28	31	0	59	Opponents.....	82	88	1	171

SHOTS BY PERIOD	1st	2nd	OT	Total	ATTENDANCE SUMMARY	SHU	OPP
Sacred Heart.....	92	111	6	209	Total.....	1073	1397
Opponents.....	169	171	0	340	Dates/Avg Per Date....	8/134	8/175
					Neutral Site #/Avg...	2/48	

SAVES BY PERIOD	1st	2nd	OT	Total
Sacred Heart.....	73	89	0	162
Opponents.....	34	47	3	84